This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-21. (canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising first and second components having respective first and second mechanical coupling elements that cooperate to allow relative movement of the first and second components, the first mechanical coupling element comprising a recess formed therein and the second mechanical coupling element comprising a projection adapted to be movably fitted in the recess,

wherein the first mechanical coupling element comprises a first conductive plate positioned in the recess and the second mechanical coupling element comprises a second conductive plate positioned on the projection, and the second conductive plate is configured

~~wherein each of the first and second mechanical coupling elements comprises a corresponding signal coupler and the signal couplers cooperate~~ to ~~enable wireless~~ wirelessly couple ~~coupling of~~ a signal from one of the first and second components to the other of the first and second components.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second components has a data provider to communicate data to the other of the first and second components via the wireless coupling provided by the first and second couplers.

27. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein at least one

of the first and second components has a signal supplier coupled to one of the first conductive plate or the second conductive plate ~~the signal coupler~~ to supply a signal to be coupled to the other of the first and second components via the wireless coupling and at least one of the first and second components is arranged to communicate data to the other by modulating that signal.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second components has a power deriver operable to derive a power supply for that component from a signal coupled to that component from the other component via the wireless coupling.

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the power deriver comprises a rectifier.

30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the power deriver comprises a rectifier and a charge storer.

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the ~~signal couplers comprise electrical signal couplers providing~~ first conductive plate and the second conductive plate provide at least one of a capacitive and an inductive wireless coupling.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the degree of coupling between the first conductive plate and the second conductive plate ~~signal couplers~~ varies with the relative positions ~~and/~~or orientations of the first and second components and a determiner is provided to determine the degree of coupling to determine information relating to the relative positions and/or orientations of the first and second components.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements define at least one of a rotatable and a slidable coupling.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements provide coaxial parts of a hinge.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements define a ball and socket arrangement.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second mechanical coupling elements provide a sliding mechanical coupling allowing relative sliding between the first and second components.

37. (Previously Presented) A apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the relative positions and/orientations of the first and second components are fixed once the mechanical coupling is made.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the first and second components are sub-systems or sub-assemblies.

39. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the second component is a display device.

40. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, in the form of a laptop, PDA, video display unit, video camera, or a GPS system.

41. (Previously Presented) A portable device in the form of the apparatus in accordance with claim 22.

42. (Currently Amended) A method of wirelessly coupling a signal in an apparatus having first and second components having respective first and second mechanical coupling elements that cooperate to allow relative movement of the first and second components, the first mechanical coupling element comprising a recess formed therein and the second mechanical coupling element comprising a projection adapted to be movably fitted in the

recess, the first mechanical coupling element comprising a first conductive plate positioned in the recess and the second mechanical coupling element comprising a second conductive plate positioned on the projection,

~~from a first component to a second component that is mechanically coupled to the first component to allow movement of at least one of the first and second components relative to the other~~, the method comprising wirelessly coupling the signal from the first component to the second component via the first conductive plate and the second conductive plate ~~signal couplers~~ comprised in ~~the mechanical coupling of~~ the first and second components.

43. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising first and second components having respective first and second mechanical coupling elements that cooperate to allow relative movement of the first and second components, the first mechanical coupling element comprising a recess formed therein and the second mechanical coupling element comprising a projection adapted to be movably fitted in the recess, wherein ~~each of~~ the first mechanical coupling element comprises signal coupling means having a first conductive device positioned in the recess and the second mechanical coupling element ~~elements~~ comprises ~~a corresponding~~ signal coupling means having a second conductive device positioned on the projection, and the signal coupling means is configured to wirelessly couple ~~cooperate to enable wireless coupling of~~ a signal from one of the first and second components to the other of the first and second components.